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Peerless Patriot, Benevolent Father

The 75th anniversary of the birth of Kim Jong II, eternal General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, is approaching.

The great Comrade Kim Jong II, having embodied on the highest level possible the perfect personalities and qualities that characterize a great man, was an outstanding ideologist and theoretician, a peerless veteran statesman and a brilliant commander of Songun, who led socialist Korea along the road filled with victory by dint of profound ideas and theories and unexcelled leadership. He was also a matchless patriot and benevolent father of the people, who adorned the whole course of his revolutionary struggle with ardent love for and ennobling devotion to his country and fellow people.

That Korea has developed into a politico-ideological power and a military power and the Korean people into dignified and proud people is no fortuitous event which resulted from the trend of history. It is an inevitable historical outcome of the lifelong devotion of the great General, a peerless hero.

General Kim Jong II performed undying exploits for the country and people, the times and history by dynamically advancing the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by President Kim Il Sung. As his exploits are so great, the General lives in the hearts of the Korean people and the progressive mankind as the Sun of Songun, and his sacred revolutionary history will keep developing along with the prosperity of Kim Il Sung's nation and Kim Jong II's Korea.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho



Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp.

The Home of the Sun on Mt Paektu



Kim Jong Il with his parents [March Juche 36 (1947)].

Marking the 75th anniversary of the birth of General Kim Jong Il, the Korean service personnel and people are burning their hearts with great yearnings for him and visiting his birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp.

The fighters of Korea who, under the leadership of Kim Il Sung, proclaimed a decisive war against Japanese imperialism that militarily occupied the country, set up the Paektusan Secret Camp in September Juche 25 (1936) in the thickly-wooded Sobaeksu Valley located to the southeast of Mt Paektu. It was the headquarters of the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle until Korea was liberated on August 15, 1945. And there is the native home of General Kim Jong Il.

The first half of the 1940s was a historic turning point when the great event of Korea's liberation was near at hand.

At that time Kim Il Sung conducted brisk military and political activities of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army with the Paektusan Secret Camp as the centre, and sped up the preparations for all-people resistance for final offensive to defeat Japanese imperialism.

Birth of Kim Jong Il on February 16, Juche 31 (1942) as the son of Mt Paektu, the son of guerrillas, was a historic event and fortune of the Korean nation that greeted the great sun to carry forward the cause of Juche Korea, Songun Korea.

Father Kim Il Sung was the author of the immortal Juche idea, anti-Japanese legendary hero who achieved national liberation by dint of arms, father of socialist Korea and the great sun of the Korean nation.

Mother Kim Jong Suk, the anti-Japanese war heroine and woman general of Mt Paektu, staunchly fought for the liberation of the country and victory of the revolution in faithful support of Kim Il Sung's leadership.

All the members of his family were patriots and revolutionaries renowned in the modern history of Korea.

His family was a patriotic and revolutionary one unprecedented in history and thus provided fertile ground for Kim Jong Il to grow up while building his character as a people's leader and outstanding hero of the nation.

And Mt Paektu, the ancestral mountain and the sacred mountain of the revolution, was the cradle in which he cultivated great courage and strong character.

Mt Paektu, which had long been famous as the celebrated mountain in Korea, achieved greater fame in the 20th century, as it was associated with the traces of arduous but glorious anti-imperialist national liberation war and had the native place of the peerlessly great person.

Article: Kim Phil



Kim Jong Il continues his journey of field guidance [January Juche 87 (1998)].

On the Road for the People throughout His Life

Having resolved to be the master of the revolution in Korea from the first day of embarking on the road of revolution, General Kim Jong Il continued to follow the road of love for his country and people throughout his life.

In his revolutionary career the General gave on-site guidance to 14 296 units, travelling over 1 674 610 *ri* or 669 849 km or nearly 17 times as long as the distance round the earth.

Always mixing with his people and soldiers, the General learned about their work and life, had friendly talks and shared every weal and woe with them. It was his greatest pride and pleasure.

He adhered to the principle of formulating the lines and policies of the Party and state by going into reality and embodying the demands and opinions of the masses.

On his field guidance trips he put forward the line of economic construction in the Songun era in which the defence industry would be developed on a priority basis while boosting light industry and agriculture simultaneously,

clarified the ways to solve the acute shortage of electricity and normalize power generation at a high level and modernize light industry factories to meet the demands of the new century, and unfolded the plan of effecting a turning point in agricultural development by making radical changes in seed production, potato farming, and land realignment.

He explained in simple words the lines and policies put forth by the Party to officials and people on spot, showed infinite affection and trust in them, and inspired them with confidence and enthusiasm.

Saying that he was unable to slow his pace even for a moment lest his country would lag behind others, he continued his super-intense, forced march of field guidance, visiting one factory and other cooperative farm and travelling a long distance from west to east in one day.

Every place in the country bears the footprints of the General who continued his field guidance tours for the well-being of the people.

Energetic guidance of the General gave birth to the spirit of the times and kindled the fierce flames of a new great revolutionary upsurge across the



Kim Jong Il sees vinalon cotton at the February 8 Vinalon Complex [January Juche 100 (2011)].



Kim Jong Il sees CNC machine tools of new type [December Juche 99 (2010)].



Kim Jong Il gives on-site guidance to Kwail County, South Hwanghae Province [September Juche 90 (2001)].

country.

He defined the spirit of defending the leader to the death, the spirit of implementing his instructions whatever the cost and the heroic self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the service personnel during the Arduous March and forced march in the 1990s, as the revolutionary soldier spirit and led the whole Party and society to learn from them.

Under his tireless and energetic forced march of field guidance to generalize the revolutionary soldier spirit, the Kanggye spirit was created, the torches of Songgang and Ranam were kindled, and the flames of the industrial revolution in the new century and the flames of Hamnam were raised more fiercely, and unheard-of miracles were ceaselessly performed.

Artificial satellites were launched into space, and all the sectors of national



Kim Jong Il looks round the second consumer goods show in Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 [July Juche 100 (2011)].

economy, including the metal, chemical and machine building industries, were put on a Juche-oriented, modern and scientific footing at a high level.

In the course of this the DPRK entered the track of transition to a powerful country with knowledge-based economy, monumental edifices embodying the love for the people sprang up, and models in the Songun era were created in land administration, potato farming, fish and livestock

farming, and fruit farming.

Thanks to the undying exploits General Kim Jong Il performed for his dear country and people throughout his life, the DPRK is now greeting an era of great prosperity when it is rushing forward towards a socialist power under the leadership of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

Article: Jong Kyong Bok



Kim Jong Il on his field guidance to the Ryongyang Mine [October Juche 100 (2011)].



Kim Jong Il gives on-the-spot guidance to the Pyongyang Textile Mill [July Juche 98 (2009)].



Kim Jong Il sees the calligraphic works and pictures by the children from Ponbu Kindergarten in Sinuiju City [January Juche 95 (2006)].



Kim Jong Il visits a discharged soldier's family that moved into a new house [January Juche 98 (2009)].



Kim Jong Il signs the North-South Joint Declaration [June Juche 89 (2000)].

Opening up a Broad Avenue to Independent Reunification, Peace and Prosperity

The Korean nation that lived on the same land as a homogeneous nation with a time-honoured history of 5 000 years and a brilliant culture is now suffering pain from national division owing to outside forces. It is the unanimous desire of the entire nation to live in the reunified country.

General Kim Jong Il was the lodestar of national reunification who made painstaking efforts to put an end to national division by opening up a broad avenue to independent reunification.

President Kim Il Sung instructed that Korea must not remain divided, but be reunified as one

without fail in line with the unanimous will and demand of the nation and by its own efforts.

The General put forward the President's instruction as the Juche-oriented line of reunification to be adhered to by the Workers' Party of Korea and led energetically to lay the solid foundations

for realizing the cause of national reunification.

He made public *Let Us Carry Out the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's Instructions for National Reunification* and *Let Us Reunify the Country Independently and Peacefully through the Great Unity of the Entire Nation*. In his works he formulated the three principles for national reunification, the plan of founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo and the ten-point programme for the great unity of the whole nation, all put forward by the President, as the three charters for national reunification and advanced the five-point policy for great national unity, which illuminated the path ahead of the reunification movement of the Korean nation.

He consolidated the national strength of the Republic significantly by administering Songun politics for the country and nation, thereby frustrating the manoeuvres of the anti-reunification forces at home and abroad to ignite a new war and providing a sure guarantee for independent national reunification. He developed inter-Korean relations onto a higher plane and ushered in a new era of independent reunification, peace and prosperity.

Thanks to his noble patriotic desire for reunification and bold decision, the north-south summits were held twice for the first time in the history of national division, in which the June 15 Joint Declaration and the October 4 Declaration were adopted, with the ideal of By Our Nation Itself at their core. These events marked a historic milestone in independent reunification and the whole country brimmed with enthusiasm for reunification.

The broad magnanimity and generosity of the General, who embraced anyone desiring national reconciliation, unity and reunification and led them along the patriotic road of reunification, represented a driving, dynamic force that accelerated the opening up and advance of the June 15 era of reunification.

The cause of national reunification advanced along the path to national independence for decades and centuries, overcoming the despicable means of separatist forces at home and abroad.

Inter-Korean dialogues and cooperation, contact and exchange in the fields of politics, the economy and culture gained momentum, producing precious fruits shared by the nation, to the delight of all compatriots, and solidarity



Sportspeople from the north and the south of Korea enter the venue for opening ceremony of the 14th Asian Games [Juche 91 (2002)].



Ground-breaking ceremony for the building of the Kaesong Industrial Zone [Juche 92 (2003)].

and collaboration were achieved between various organizations and personages from every walk of life.

The General, filled with the spirit of ennobling love for the country and nation, performed great

exploits in laying the solid foundations for realizing the cause of reunification. These exploits will go down for ever in the history of independent reunification.

Article: Kim Jong



Rally for national reunification held on the occasion of the 8th anniversary of the publication of the June 15 Joint Declaration [Juche 97 (2008)].



Tourism to Mt Kumgang, reunion of separated families and relatives and other inter-Korean exchanges were promoted.





Kim Jong Il, together with Russian President V. V. Putin, visits the Liberation Tower [July Juche 89 (2000)].



Kim Jong Il talks with Deng Xiaoping, head of the Advisory Committee of the Communist Party of China [June Juche 72 (1983)].

For Global Peace and Security and the Cause of Human Independence

In the whole course of leading the revolution General Kim Jong Il dedicated himself to the implementation of the cause of independence of mankind under the unfurled banner of the anti-imperialist independence and thus performed immortal exploits for the victory of the socialist cause, global peace and security, friendship and solidarity.

The General consistently championed the external policy based on the ideals of independence, peace and friendship even at times of turmoil in the international situation.

Firmly maintaining the Juche-based stand in foreign relations, he resolutely shattered the moves of the US-led allied imperialist forces to isolate and stifle the DPRK and comprehensively strengthened the country's political and military might by dint of independent politics and Songun-based revolutionary leadership. In this way he further consolidated the strategic position of the Republic and made a tangible contribution to defending peace and security in Northeast Asia and the rest of the world.

In the grim period of the 1990s when the international socialist movement was experiencing severe frustration, the General held aloft the banner of Juche-oriented socialism and made public the immortal work, *Socialism Is a Science*, which proved the veracity and scientific accuracy of socialism in a theoretical and practical way, thus giving a strong impetus to the international socialist movement.

The Pyongyang Declaration that was adopted under his wise leadership and called for championing and promoting the socialist cause has served as a common fighting programme for revolutionary parties the world over, dealt a

blow to the imperialists' anti-socialist moves and encouraged the revolutionary peoples in their struggle to rebuild socialism.

The General rendered a great service to building a new, independent world and achieving global peace through his outstanding diplomatic strategies and energetic external activities.

He met party and state leaders as well as delegations from many foreign countries and exchanged wide-ranging opinions on bilateral relations and international issues of mutual concerns. He thus illuminated the path of developing the friendly relations between the countries, strengthening the non-aligned movement and unity of the anti-imperialist independent forces, ensuring peace and security in Asia and the rest of the world, and accomplishing the cause of global independence.

He visited foreign countries on 18 occasions from January Juche 48 (1959) when he visited the Soviet Union to August Juche 100 (2011) in the last days of his revolutionary career. The total distance covered by his foreign visits reaches 98 000 km.

The priceless, immortal revolutionary exploits General Kim Jong Il performed in raising a militant banner for the promotion of the international socialist movement and victory of the cause of anti-imperialist independence and rendering a great service to building a new, independent world and achieving global peace will go down for ever in the history of international relations.

Article: Kim Hyon



Kim Jong Il meets Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State of the United States of America [October Juche 89 (2000)].



Kim Jong Il meets a high-level delegation from the European Union [May Juche 90 (2001)].



Samdech Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia presents an order to Kim Jong II [July Juche 93 (2004)].



Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, presents an order to Kim Jong II [April Juche 81 (1992)].



Kim Jong II wears the gown of the Far Eastern National University Honorary Doctor of Law [October Juche 94 (2005)].

independence.

Highest reverence and admiration for the Chairman is fully demonstrated in that he is continuously awarded with orders, medals and honorary titles by the world progressive peoples even after his demise.

These orders, medals and honorary titles awarded to the Chairman will go down in history as the clear manifestation of the boundless respect and reverence of the progressive peoples of the world for peerlessly great person.

Article: Kim Son Gyong

Boundless Reverence

The progressive peoples of the world express boundless admiration and respect for Kim Jong II, eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, attracted by his profound ideology and theory, outstanding leadership and noble virtues. Such feelings are reflected in 383 orders, medals and honorary titles awarded to the Chairman.

Samdech Norodom Sihanouk of the Kingdom of Cambodia who visited the DPRK on more than 40 occasions had a great admiration for noble traits and moral obligation possessed by the Chairman, his extraordinary ideology and leadership ability demonstrated in leading the socialist construction in Korea and the cause of global independence to victory. Out of great admiration for the Chairman the Cambodian king presented him with Order of Grand Collar of National Independence and Grand Cross Order of the Kingdom of Cambodia in July Juche 93 (2004).

National Order of Lion of Senegal, Order of Kiyatikun of Laos, Legion of Holy Jerusalem of Palestine, Order of Collar of the Nile of Egypt and other orders awarded to the Chairman from many countries show boundless respect and admiration for him who rendered active support and assistance to the

struggle of peoples of many countries to build new society and made great contribution to the strengthening of the unity and solidarity of the world forces of independence.

Order of Solidarity of Cuba, Order of Stalin of the former Soviet Union, Silver Medallion of Karl Marx, the World Friendship Order of Libya, Medallion of the International Relations Development Institute and so on praise the immortal achievements he performed for the global peace and security, development of international relations and victory of the cause of global independence.

The Korean leader has been conferred the titles of honorary citizen, academician, professor, doctor, chairman and leader from Kathmandu of Nepal and other renowned cities, universities, political parties and public organizations for his distinguished services to human progress and scientific and cultural development.

Conferring their supreme orders, medals and honorary titles, heads of the state, political and public figures of many countries highly praised Chairman Kim Jong II as the eternal sun illuminating the road of the cause of global



Partial view of the room that preserves orders and medals Kim Jong II received from heads of the state, political and public figures of many countries, international organizations and regions.



Kimjongilia was bred by Kamo Mototeru, famous horticulturist in Japan.

Kimjongilia, Immortal Flower

And he named the flower, most beautiful and attractive, after the august name of Kim Jong Il who was held in admiration by mankind.

In February Juche 77 (1988) he presented full-blown Kimjongilia to Kim Jong Il on the occasion of his 46th birthday.

Kimjongilia has become renowned in the floricultural world.

It made its debut in the 12th international flower exhibition held in May Juche 80 (1991) in Czechoslovakia. Displayed there were over 820 species of flowers, rare, famous and newly-bred,

presented by 103 flower companies, organizations and institutes from 13 countries including the Netherlands. At the exhibition Kimjongilia from the DPRK was awarded the special prize and gold medal.

Not only visitors to the exhibition but even the jury members were fascinated by the flower with attractive scarlet flowers, stout and straight stalk and glossy heart-shaped leaves.

“That Kimjongilia was born is a revolution in the floricultural world, and pleasure and pride of mankind.”

“Kimjongilia should be awarded with

King Prize, instead of the special prize and gold medal.”

Kimjongilia was officially registered in the International Society for Horticultural Science as a new variety of Begoniaceae in Juche 93 (2004).

Kimjongilia struck people with admiration at several horticultural exhibitions, including the 99 Kunming International Horticultural Exposition in Juche 88 (1999) in China, the Begonia Exhibition in California, the US, in Juche 93 (2004), the Venlo World Horticultural Expo held in the Netherlands in Juche 101 (2012) and the International Flower Show held in Mongolia in Juche 103 (2014).

At present Kimjongilia blooms fully in many countries of the world.

Since the Nordic Kimjongilia Association was formed in Juche 84 (1995) in Sweden as the first international organization aimed at propagating the immortal flower, many similar organizations were formed and Kimjongilia greenhouses built in Indonesia, Japan, Ethiopia and other countries and regions.

Kimjongilia shows were held on more than 100 occasions in many countries.

The immortal flower, Kimjongilia, will become in fuller bloom across the world as the flower in praise of the great person and the flower of the eternal sun, along with the boundless reverence for Chairman Kim Jong Il of the world progressive peoples.

Article: Kim Son Gyong



Gold medal and diploma awarded to Kimjongilia at the 12th international flower exhibition held in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, in Juche 80 (1991).



The first prize ribbon awarded to Kimjongilia at the begonia show held in the US in Juche 93 (2004) and the certificate of registration of Kimjongilia as a new variety No. 991 of begonia.



Gold prize and diploma awarded to Kimjongilia at the World Horticultural Expo in Shenyang in 2006.



First prize Kimjongilia won at the Venlo World Horticultural Expo held in the Netherlands in 2012.



Kimjongilia was presented at the 2012 Shanghai Exposition.

The First Conference of Chairpersons of the Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea was held in December last year in Pyongyang, capital of the DPRK, amid the grand struggle to carry out the decisions adopted at the Seventh Congress of the WPK.

The Pyongyang Indoor Stadium, the venue for the conference, was decorated with red Party flags and others.

The conference was attended by chairpersons of the primary committees of the WPK and Party officials in Pyongyang and provinces that were striving to turn Party organizations into the vanguard organizations boundlessly loyal to the ideology and cause of the WPK, defend socialism and achieve the prosperity of the country.

Amid the playing of the welcome music, Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, appeared on the platform.

Chairman Kim Jong Un of the WPK delivered an opening address.

Noting that strengthening the Party to the maximum will be a fundamental guarantee for ushering in a bright future of the revolution, he stressed that the conference to be held as the first Party-wide meeting following the Seventh Congress of the Party serves as a new turning point in developing the WPK into the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and hastening the final victory of the socialist cause of Juche.

He expressed his belief that this conference will be held satisfactorily backed up by high political enthusiasm and active participation of all participants and thus set up a historic milestone in the development of the Party and the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche, and declared the meeting open.

Kim Ki Nam, vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a report, and speeches followed.

They noted that the glorious history of the WPK is adorned with the undying exploits of the great leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il who advanced the Juche-oriented idea of building primary Party organizations and perfectly embodied it in reality and continued that their exploits performed in laying lasting foundations for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche by developing



First Conference of Chairpersons of Primary Party Committees
Serves as an Epoch-making Event

the WPK into an invincible party with steel-strong primary organizations will go down in the history of the Party.

The great leaders' idea of prioritizing the primary Party committees and guidance over them are brilliantly carried forward by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, they said.

Stressing that a radical change has been effected in the work of primary Party committees thanks to the Party-building idea and guidance of Chairman Kim Jong Un who newly clarified the mission and duty of Party organizations, purpose and orientation of guidance over Party members' life with a focus on the implementation of the great leaders' instructions and Party policies, they also referred to achievements and experience gained in the work of primary Party committees as well as defects found.

They all made firm resolve to thoroughly implement the decisions adopted at the Seventh Congress of the Party, firmly rallied behind Chairman Kim Jong Un, and charge forward to further strengthen the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and hasten the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche and the cause of building a powerful socialist country.

Chairman Kim Jong Un made a historic concluding speech, titled, *On Strengthening the Primary Party Committees*.

He said that the Central Committee of the WPK convened for the first time in the history of the Party the conference of chairpersons of the primary Party committees in keeping with the requirements of the developing revolution and attached importance to it as much as to the Party congress. He set forth important tasks to be tackled in improving the work of primary Party committees.

Likening primary Party committees to combat companies in the artillery corps, he said that their fighting efficiency is precisely that of the Party and consolidating the primary Party committees is a shortcut to strengthening the whole Party. He pointed out that the primary Party committees, true to the intention of the Party Central Committee of focusing on them, should develop themselves into the most elite militant ranks and mobilize officials, Party members and working people to implement the cause of building a powerful socialist country, thereby ushering in a new heyday in strengthening the primary Party committees.



Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, delivers a concluding speech at the conference [December Juche 105 (2016)].

The basic task of the primary Party committees at present, he pointed out, is to fulfil with credit their responsibility and role as the main militant sub-units of the Party in the effort to carry out the decisions advanced at the Seventh Party Congress holding high the banner of modelling the whole society on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. He continued to say that they should, first of all, fulfil their mission and duty as a political staff of each unit in the campaign to implement the ideas of the Party and champion its policies.

He went on in the following vein:
To safeguard the revolutionary ideas and lines of the Party and thoroughly implement the Party's policies is the basic mission of Party organizations, and the fighting efficiency of the primary Party organizations and their success in work should be manifested in carrying out the Party's policies. They should focus their efforts on carrying out the Party's policies and the main revolutionary tasks facing their own sectors and units, in particular, and implement to the letter the military tasks assigned to them, upholding the Party's line of prioritizing military affairs.

In order for the primary Party organizations to successfully carry out their revolutionary

tasks, they should increase their capacity for self-development to the maximum, regarding the mental strength of the masses, science and technology and supply services as the main link in the whole chain of their work. By taking it as the key to implementation of Party policies to give fullest play to the mental power of the masses, they should conduct ideological and political work in a proactive way, and also concentrate their efforts on the development and active introduction of science and technology, keeping deep in mind that it is just the reserve for increased production and the shortcut to implementation of Party's policies.

The instruction of Kim Il Sung that supply service is precisely political work is an aphorism of aphorisms. Primary Party officials should make persevering efforts to improve supply service, build supply-service bases on a long-term basis by tapping all possible reserves and potentials and normalize supply service for their employees.

Primary Party organizations should give Party-oriented assistance and encouragement to the administrative and economic officials so that they should creditably perform their duty in carrying out their revolutionary tasks. As the political commissars of each unit, the chairpersons of

primary Party committees should take their proper positions, respect the views of managers and chief engineers, and lead them to work as intended by the Party.

They should direct big efforts to the internal Party work, holding fast to the work of establishing the Party's unified leadership system as the major line, and thus increase the militant might of the Party and revolutionary ranks to the maximum. They should advance straight forward in the direction the Party Central Committee indicates and make neither the slightest deviation nor a single misstep in carrying out the ideas and lines of the Party.

Great efforts should be directed to build up the ranks of cadres and other Party members with elite Kimilsungists-Kimjongilists, while radically improving the organization of and guidance over their Party life. Primary Party organizations should strengthen Party cells and enhance their militant function and role, taking it as a main link in consolidating themselves. They should also intensify the work with the masses as required by the present situation and developing reality, thereby closely rallying them behind the Party.

The main point in the work of ri Party committees at present is to strengthen the socialist rural base



politically and ideologically and attain without fail the goal of agricultural production set by the Party.

For the primary Party committees to creditably perform the mission and duty before the Party and the revolution, their chairpersons should decisively enhance their sense of responsibility and role.

It is necessary to raise a strong wind for decisively eliminating administrative and bureaucratic tendencies in conducting Party work.

Chairman Kim Jong Un of the WPK called on the participants in the conference and other chairpersons of primary Party committees to work with devotion for the great Party and people and for the victory of the sacred revolutionary cause of Juche.

The concluding speech delivered by Chairman Kim Jong Un at the First Conference of Chairpersons of the Primary Committees of the WPK served as an important document shedding light on the avenue to grand struggle for the realization of the modelling the whole Party

and society on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism in line with the new era of Juche revolution, as well as a militant banner encouraging all the Party members and other working people to carry out the decisions of the Seventh Congress of the Party.

Chairman Kim Jong Un presided the conference and delivered a closing address.

He had a photo session with the participants and enjoyed the joint performance of the Moranbong Band and the State Merited Chorus.

The conference held under the guidance of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un of the Party, state and army was a revolutionary meeting for general advance that inspired all the Party members, service personnel and other people in their struggle to build a powerful socialist country and achieve the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche following the great Party.

Article: Kim Jong



President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il see military hardware [April Juche 75(1986)].

To Build up Self-reliant Defence Capabilities



On February 8 in Juche 37 (1948) the Korean People's Revolutionary Army that was founded during the anti-Japanese war was developed into the Korean People's Army, a regular armed force in Korea.

Marking the day, all the service personnel and people in Korea are looking back in deep emotion the undying exploits the peerlessly great persons of Mt Paektu performed in the glorious history of the KPA.

Weapons, together with soldiers, constitute the two essentials of the armed forces. Any formidable enemy is no match for the army that is steadfast in ideology and faith and fully prepared militarily and technologically.

President Kim Il Sung attached great importance to the building of a regular revolutionary armed force in the difficult days after Korea's liberation. He clarified that it was important in building an armed force to equip all the soldiers with state-of-the-art weapons and military hardware, and wisely led the establishment of Juche-oriented defence industry.

Still in his military uniform worn during the anti-Japanese war, he went to Phyongchon-ri in Pyongyang to select the site for the first munitions factory and instilled into the officials confidence in victory that it would be possible for them to manufacture rifles, guns and even tanks when they buckled down to it with firm determination. And when the workers and technicians at the munitions factory succeeded in producing a submachine gun by their own efforts, he visited the factory and tested the submachine gun by himself.

The defence industry the President had built its foundation from scratch, picturing the future of the country, has been consolidated under the leadership of General Kim Jong Il.

Always giving priority to the building up of the defence capabilities, the General took important measures to further develop defence industry while enforcing Songun politics in a comprehensive way.

He devoted tireless efforts to make the defence industry self-supporting, modern and IT-based in line with the requirements of the IT era in the new century, so that it could develop new military hardware needed in the modernization of the People's Army and the arming of all the people as well as improve their performance. Thanks to his energetic leadership, the defence industry of the

DPRK has developed into a self-supporting one that is capable of producing as one wishes modern weapons and powerful military hardware in larger amounts and at a higher qualitative level.

At present the defence industry of the DPRK is ushering in a new chapter of its development under the outstanding leadership of the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Under his leadership the self-supporting arsenal of the country that was launched with the Yongil bombs in the forests of Mt Paektu and the submachine gun in Phyongchon-ri is now readily manufacturing precise and powerful military hardware fully capable of coping with warfare of any type by its own efforts and technology in succession.

The respected Marshal who put forward the strategic line of simultaneously promoting economic construction and the upbuilding of the nuclear forces has energetically led the country's defence industry and the defence science and technology to readily manufacture cutting-edge military hardware.

Great successes in the tests of the first hydrogen bomb and nuclear warhead explosion last year have placed the DPRK in the front rank of world nuclear powers and ended the history of the US imperialists' bloody aggression and nuclear war.

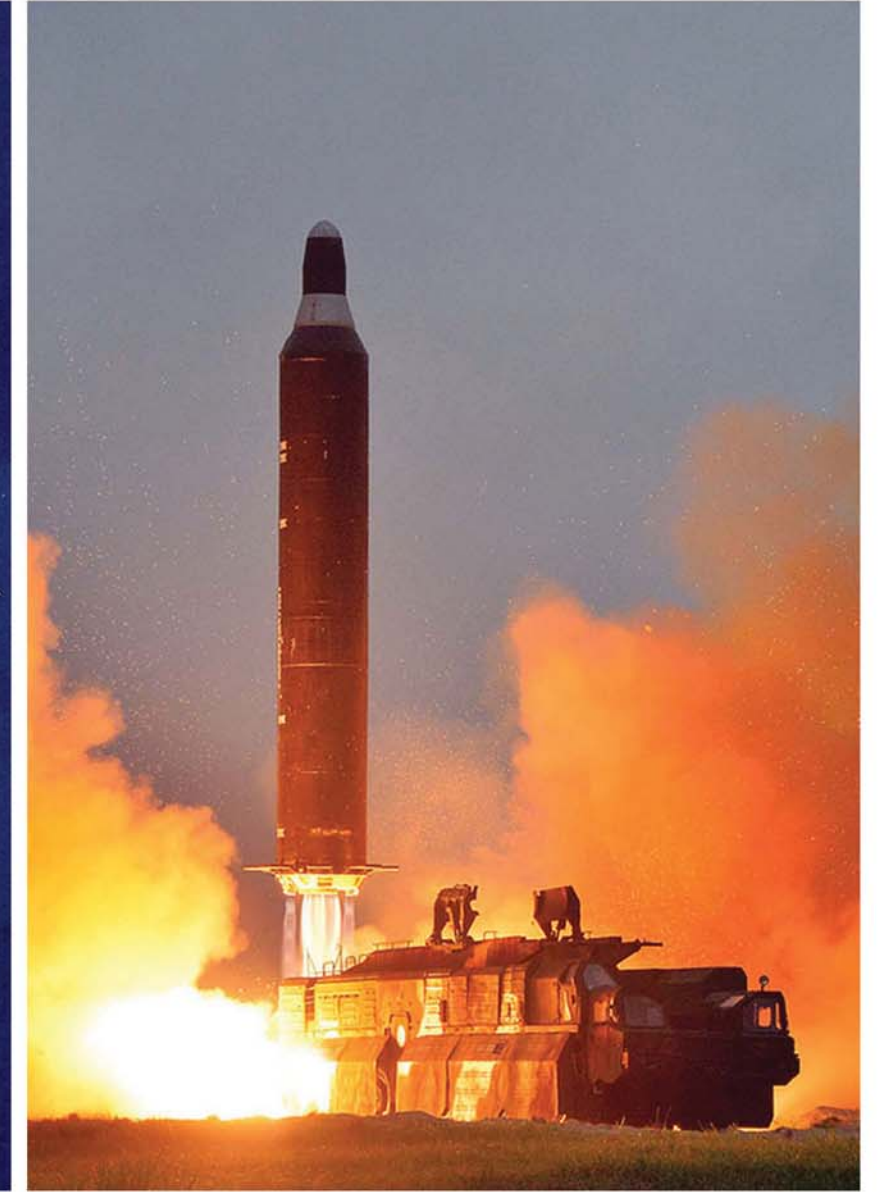
The Korean People's Army that is firmly supported by the Juche-oriented defence industry laid by the great Generalissimos and the Marshal is demonstrating to the full the dignity of the invincible revolutionary army equipped with modern means of attack and defence.



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un guides nuclear weaponization [March Juche 105 (2016)].



The Korean People's Army has developed into a formidable army capable of defeating any aggressors at a stroke.





Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visits Ryongaksan Soap Factory [October Juche 105 (2016)].

Liquid Soap Factory at the Foot of Mt Ryongak

Last year the Ryongaksan Soap Factory was inaugurated in the DPRK to produce a variety of liquid soap and detergent. The factory has created production space based on a scientific process design. Accordingly, it has arranged equipment in a rational way and fully automated all production processes ranging from the preparation of raw materials to vacuum emulsification, water treatment, mixing, ripening, filling and packing.

It has also established a wonderful integrated manufacturing system and provided itself with latest equipment for analyzing and inspecting quality and hygienic safety of its products as well as modern injection moulders for producing containers of liquid soap.

In October last year Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visited the newly-built factory and expressed great satisfaction with the modern soap producer



conducive to the improvement of the people's living standards. He then specified the tasks for the factory to produce quality goods in larger amounts.

With a single desire to carry out the tasks set forth by the Supreme Leader, officials and workers of the factory are bringing about innovations in the production of quality shampoo, conditioner, detergent, powder soap and others, though it has not been long since its inauguration.

They are directing main efforts to increasing the variety and quantity of liquid soap and detergents and ensuring their high qualities, while strictly observing the technical regulations and operation manuals. At the same time, the factory employees are striving to raise their level of technical knowledge and skill through the sci-tech learning space in the factory.

The factory is pushing ahead with scientific research to ensure domestic production of raw materials and perfumes for soap production.

A variety of soap and detergent produced at the factory give great benefit to the people's life and enjoy great popularity.

Article & photo: Kim Hyo Sim



IMS control room.



All the processes from feeding raw materials to packing are automated.





Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visits Mangyongdae Revolutionary Site Souvenir Factory [October Juche 105 (2016)].

Factory Conducive to Consumer Goods Production

The Mangyongdae Revolutionary Site Souvenir Factory is a small factory which started its operation in December Juche 68 (1979). But it is well known across the country, as a producer of various souvenirs for the visitors to Mangyongdae, birthplace of President Kim Il Sung, and other revolutionary battle and historic sites.

Last year it underwent technical reconstruction of production lines as required by the new century and furnished itself with additional processes for producing other consumer goods, such as metal zippers and melamine resin goods.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visited the factory in October last year, looked round the production lines of zippers, melamine resin goods and souvenirs, sample room and others in the factory and learned in detail about the production and quality of products. He then specified the tasks to normalize zipper production at a high level and make zippers various in patterns

and colours.

The factory has turned out to implement the tasks set by the leader.

It produces metal zippers of various sizes with rayon yarn and other materials from various factories. All its machines are PLC-based and quality inspection of the zippers is conducted on a scientific basis with modern facilities.

The melamine resin goods of the factory, such as rice and soup bowls and dishes, are diversified in shapes and kinds, good-looking and convenient to use.

Officials and workers of the factory are making efforts to produce in larger quantities a variety of consumer goods of high quality and thus contribute to the improvement of the people's living standards.

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Photo: Jin Yong Ho



The factory equipped with modern machines and facilities produces various zippers.



Melamine resin goods and other quality consumer goods are produced.



Pyongyang Mushroom Farm



White club-shaped mushroom.



Agaricus bisporus.



Flammulina velutipes.



Coprinus comatus.



Pleurotus.



Efforts are made to put mushroom farming on a scientific and intensive footing.

A mushroom farm was newly built in Hwasong-dong, Ryongsong District in the suburbs of Pyongyang and started its operation in late October last year.

Composed of production buildings, arch-style solar-heated greenhouses and auxiliary buildings, the farm cultivates mushroom by industrial methods to enrich the diet of the citizens.

All its production processes, including grinding of raw materials, substrate forming and bacterial culture, are streamlined, sterilized and dust-free. The farm saves energy and manpower by placing production facilities in a rational way so as to make the most effective use of culture grounds.

The integrated manufacturing system established in the farm monitors and automatically controls the production processes, thus making correct measurement of temperature, humidity and CO₂ content in the spore vaccination rooms and culture grounds and providing environment and conditions favourable for the growth of mushroom.

The farm cultivates edible and medicinal mushrooms all the year round to meet the increasing demand for them.

It has thus introduced the methods of producing mushroom based on fermentation and sterilization, ensuring mass-production of mushrooms in an industrial way.

The sterilization method makes it possible to eliminate manual labour in substrate injection and spore vaccination and grow mushrooms in an intensive and industrial way in limited areas.

Now the farm produces in culture grounds and solar-heated greenhouses various species of mushroom such as white club-shaped mushroom, *Coprinus comatus*, and *Flammulina velutipes*.

Though it has been in operation for only several months, the farm has turned out large amounts of mushroom for the Pyongyang citizens and it strives to increase mushroom production.

Article & photo: An Chol Won





World Cup Winners

- 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup -



Pyongyang citizens extend hearty welcome to footballers who brought home glory.

Footballers of the DPRK won the 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

The competition which is held every two years since Juche 91 (2002) becomes the main preoccupation of both professionals and amateurs, as it offers the prospect of women's football in participating countries.

The competition ran between mid-November and early December last year in Papua New Guinea.

The DPRK footballers swept to victory from the group matches, defeating all rivals. They thrashed Spain in the quarter-finals and the US in the semi-finals, and faced France in the finals.

The final match between the DPRK and France took place on December 3 last year.

Cherishing the high expectations of the country people who were waiting for their victory, the Korean girls played the match with vigour and gave fullest play to their high techniques, soaring mental strength and fighting spirit.

From the beginning the players from both teams vied to dominate the field, displaying high technical skills with fast movements in attacks and defences.

In the 17th minute the DPRK allowed the rival to open the first score in a goalmouth melee.

Not dispirited, the Korean players stepped up the transition from defence to attack for active offensive and scored three goals.



The DPRK beat France 3-1. At the awarding ceremony the Korean women footballers received the World Cup and gold medals.

Consecutive victories the Korean women footballers achieved last year in the FIFA U-17 and U-20 World Cup competitions offered the bright future of the Korean football and greatly encouraged the Korean service personnel and people in their efforts to build a powerful socialist country.

Article: Kim Chung Bok

Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA



Medical Village in Munsu Area

The Munsu area in Pyongyang, capital city of the DPRK, has recently been turned into a medical village, as modern hospitals have sprung up one after another.

The specialized and general hospitals in the area include Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and Breast Tumour Institute under it, Okryu Children's Hospital, Ryugyong Dental Hospital, Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital, the Institute of Koryo Medicine and other public health establishments. They provide medical services to women and children, specialized dental and ophthalmic treatment as well as glasses sales, and study the traditional Koryo medicine with a long history and apply them to the treatment.

The hospitals in the village are all associated with the people-oriented policies pursued by the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK that spare nothing for the health improvement of the people.

To cite an example, the Breast Tumour Institute of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital has rooms for endoscope of lactiferous ducts, X-ray imaging, cancer treatment, diagnosis and treatment, scores of wards for inpatients, tens of thousands of pieces of medical facilities and appliances in over 70 kinds. Its medical staff and researchers are mainly comprised of competent personnel in their 30s and 40s who finished the postgraduate courses at the Pyongyang Medical College of Kim Il Sung University.

Ever since it was opened to public in Juche 101 (2012), the institute cured nearly a hundred thousand of women from all across the country.

The Okryu Children's Hospital has been built as a modern medical centre specializing in the treatment of children, thanks to the affection of the Party and the state for children, the future of the nation, and the Ryugyong Dental Hospital offers services for dental treatment and correction at a high level.

The Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital built in October last year is furnished with up-to-date facilities and equipment for the treatment and



Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and Breast Tumour Institute under the hospital.



Institute of Koryo Medicine.



Kim Man Yu Hospital.





Okryu Children's Hospital.

operation of eye diseases and examination of the eyesight, as well as an eyeglass shop.

The medical village is clean and fresh with less industrial establishments and well-laid road network for smooth travel of ambulances. There is also a heliport.

As the brilliant fruition of the policies pursued by the WPK and the state that prioritize, respect and love the people, the hospitals in the medical village are of great benefit to the people who enjoy free medical treatment under the socialist public health system.

Article: Kim Son Gyeong

Photo: Kim Yun Hyok and Kim Ju Hyok



Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital.



Ryugyong Dental Hospital.



Floodlight of New Type and Its Inventor



Sok Yong Bom.

A gold medal was awarded to Sok Yong Bom, 29-year-old scientist from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, at the 25th Geneva international inventions & new technologies exhibition in Juche 86 (1997) for his multifunctional motor protecting device.

Since then he made more than 40 inventions of economic effectiveness as well as great significance in the development of illumination engineering.

Last year he was awarded the inventor's medal by the World Intellectual Property Organization for the "LED floodlight with auxiliary reflector," a cutting-edge technology in the field of illumination engineering.

He works as a director of the light fittings department of the power-driven machine institute under the State Academy of Sciences.

His recent research project was to develop light fittings of a new type that would save electric power and have higher rates of light utility, and he succeeded in making LED floodlight with light source attached opposite to the reflector.

This super-focusing LED floodlight raises the light utility to nearly 100 per cent, though previous models had produced light below 60 per cent, by projecting the most LED light to the targeted object. The new floodlight has a light intensity five to ten times greater, saves over 95 per cent of electric power for lighting, forms 0.9° in light diffusion angle and thus increases light utility rates and focusing efficiency.



Researchers pool their efforts to introduce into reality newly-developed light fittings.

He has integrated the research, development, manufacture and introduction of light fittings, and invented a comprehensive automatic control device so that the illumination is made fully automated.

Sok Yong Bom is honoured with the title of the Doctor and February 16 sci-tech prize for his scientific achievements conducive to the development of illumination engineering and of great economic value.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon
Photo: An Chol Ryong



Diploma for gold medal won at the 25th Geneva international inventions & new technologies exhibition [Juche 86 (1997)].



Inventor's medal and diploma awarded by WIPO [Juche 105 (2016)].



Sok's family.

Girl Piano Prodigy



Ma Sin A.

A girl of about ten won admiration of many experts and the audience in several international contests held between Juche 100 (2011) and Juche 104 (2015) in Moscow and Saint Petersburg in Russia and other cities.

She was Ma Sin A from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who is now studying at the Pyongyang Music School No. 1 of Kim Won Gyun University of Music.

Ma was highly appreciated in the contests that were participated in by many excellent players for her gifted talents, developed sense of absolute pitch, marvellous memory for melodies and wonderful ability of representation.

Her brilliant artistic talent has become into full bloom under the care of benevolent Korean leaders who treasure the talents of the children.

In December Juche 98 (2009) General Kim Jong Il saw the piano performance of the six-year-old Ma, hearing, sight-reading and playing at first sight. He highly appreciated her talented performance and took benevolent measures to give her professional education so as to develop her into a world-famous pianist.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un saw to it that Ma demonstrated her talents to the full in international stages.

Under the meticulous care of the leaders Ma entered the central musical institute under the Russian Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory at the age of seven. While studying, she was brought to attention at the school and the Russian music world as a piano prodigy.

She played the piano at distinguished concerts in Russia, international music festivals, and the international classic music festival held in Kazakhstan.

She won top prizes at the 10th international juvenile piano contest held in Moscow, Russia, when she was ten, and at the 9th Rakhmaninov International Piano Contest the following year. She won first and special prizes and top playing award for Liszt works at the 4th Liszt international juvenile piano contest held in Germany.

Ma demonstrated her excellent performance at the 10th international juvenile piano competition held in Moscow, Russia, and other international music festivals.



In May last year she won the first prize, best performance prize of the contest, and best performance prize for Chopin's mazurka at the 24th international juvenile Chopin piano competition held in Poland.

Ma became the winner of several international foundations of Russia, and her performances were broadcast on television and through internet on 18 occasions in many countries of the world, including Russia, Kazakhstan and Germany.

Piano teachers and experts from many countries unanimously

praised the 13-year-old Ma Sin A for her excellent techniques.

Noting that her rendition reminded them as if Chopin was reborn, they said Ma, young as she was, wonderfully interpreted music pieces that needed high techniques and artistic skills.

The Korean girl is now nurturing her dream of being a world-renowned musician.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon

Photo: Hong Kwang Nam



Some of first and special prizes she was awarded at the 24th international juvenile Chopin piano competition and other international juvenile piano contests.





Under the Protection of State and Society

In the DPRK which administers the politics of prioritizing, respecting and loving the people, persons with disabilities are leading a worthwhile and happy life and developing their talents to the full.

It was demonstrated in the event that took place at the 1 500-seat theatre of the Central Youth Hall in December last year on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

At the venue of the event were present Kim Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, officials concerned, disabled persons and their family members, working people in Pyongyang, diplomats and resident officers from international organizations and home-visiting overseas Koreans.

There were a video show introducing the achievements made last year in the efforts to protect the disabled and a performance given by the artistic group of disabled persons.

The performance began with the music and poem in sign language, “We Love Our Country That Holds High the Marshal.” It included various pieces, such as mixed vocal chorus “We Love Our Country,” male solo “World of Human Affection,” and female solo “As We Have the Workers’ Party.” They sang highly their gratitude to socialist motherland under the leadership of the respected Kim Jong Un.

Such pieces as dances “Trio Dance,” “Dream,” and “Ongheya,” dance representing a foreign fairy tale “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” and magic pieces performed by the disabled persons were enthusiastically applauded by audience.

That day those present at the event appreciated with great impression the photos showing the life of the disabled.

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Photo: Hong Kwang Nam



The performance was given by the artist group of disabled persons on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.



Participants looked round the photo show.

Historical Relic

Chonju Temple

The Chonju Temple is located on the southeastern side of Yaksandongdae, one of the eight scenic spots in the Kwanso area (the northwestern part of Korea) for its beautiful scenery and full-blown red azaleas, in Nyongbyon County Town, North Phyongan Province.

It was built in 1684 and reconstructed in 1722 in the days of the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910).

The monument to the construction of the Chorong Fortress said that the temple with more than 80 sections was erected in 1684 when the old fortress was rebuilt.

Now remaining in the temple are Pogwang Hall, main building, Chonju Pavilion on the opposite side, and several attached buildings on both sides of the courtyard.

Embankments were erected in several layers so that the temple was erected on the mountain slope.

Two-layered embankment 3.4 metres high is found between the front yard and Chonju Pavilion, and three-layered one with the height of 3.9 metres between Chonju Pavilion and Pogwang Hall. The 7.3-m-high embankment with five layers is built

between the front yard and Pogwang Hall.

The Pogwang Hall is a double-eaved gabled house measuring 10.28 metres in front and 6.95 metres on both sides. Seven brackets outside and eleven inside are put on the barrel-shaped pillars. Its entrance door is decorated splendidly with the fretwork of chrysanthemum in geometrical pattern, and inside are found Buddhist images.

The Chonju Pavilion is a tiered building with corridors stretched on both sides centring the middle building. The building on the east is Hyangilhon and that on the west is Mangwoldae. Behind them are annexes, looking as if they were old government buildings.

The temple preserves a number of tanchong paintings, depicting the scenes of boating, resting, fighting, picnicking and hunting. The beams of the Chonju Pavilion are also decorated in tanchong.

The Chonju Temple is a valuable heritage of the Korean nation with excellent architecture and artistic talents.

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Photo: Choe Myong Sik



Partial view of Chonju Pavilion.



Buddhist images in Pogwang Hall.



